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Wilcox, et al.)
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

After carefully reviewing the Final Office Action dated 15 January 2003, Applicants submit the following response. While no fees should be required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167 for any fees associated with this response.

REMARKS

Premature Final Rejection

Applicants note that the Examiner rejected claims 1-31 under §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,784,032 to Johnston ("Johnston") in view of U.S. Patent 6,211,830 to Monma et al. ("Monma") in the first office action dated 30 July 2002. However, the pending final office action rejects claims 1-31 under §102(e) over Monma. Similarly, the Examiner rejected claims 32-38 in the first office action under §103(a) over Johnston in view of Monma and U.S. Patent 4,549,312 to Michaels et al. ("Michaels"). However, the pending final office action rejects claims 32-38 under §103(a) over Monma in view of Michaels. Because a rejection that differs from a previous

Respectfully submitted,

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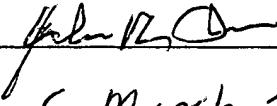
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